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June 23, 2015

**Child Care Center Operator Services Agreement with Honey’s Little Angels at 8300 S. Vermont Avenue**

Honey’s Little Angels (HLA) is currently providing child care services for employees from the Departments of Public Social Services (DPSS), Children and Family Services, Child Support Services, Mental Health, as well as CalWORKs families and children from the community at the Vermont Child Care Center, which is located in the County of Los Angeles (County)-operated building at 8300 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles (Vermont Building).

HLA has operated out of the Vermont Building since July 2012, after contamination was found under their previous location, which was located adjacent to the Earvin Magic Johnson Park in unincorporated Willowbrook, and it was determined that out of an abundance of caution that HLA should be relocated. This was an ideal site for relocating HLA, as the Vermont Child Care Center, which was intended for use by tenant County Departments’ employees, had been vacant since the Vermont Building opened in 2008 due to the County’s inability to identify a viable operator.

On June 6, 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved the relocation of HLA to the Vermont Building under a three-year license agreement through the Chief Executive Office’s Office of Real Estate. While the initial lease term expires at the end of the month, there is justification to maintain HLA’s service at the Vermont Building under a

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Child Care Center Operator Services contract administered by DPSS. HLA has provided a significant benefit to County and CalWORKs families who are being served by the licensed child care center. In addition, extending the lease will ensure that the children who are currently enrolled at HLA are not displaced.

The contract with HLA will be similar to DPSS' contracts for other employee child care centers throughout the County. DPSS will not pay HLA for its services, but will provide \$10,000.00 in annual funding for supplies. HLA will not pay rent, but will reimburse DPSS for the space costs for children enrolled at the Vermont Building who are not receiving CalWORKs and are not children of a County employee.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

- 1) Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) or her designee to prepare and execute a Child Care Center Operator Services contract with Honey's Little Angels (HLA) to continue to provide licensed child care services at the Vermont Child Care Center located at 8300 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, effective July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, with up to two one-year extensions; and
- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of DPSS or her designee to prepare and execute amendments to the contract with HLA in instances which affect the scope of work, term, fiscal provisions, and/or other terms and conditions in the contract when such changes are necessitated for the operation of the Vermont Child Care Center.

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